

## THIRTY YEARS' BATTLE

Of Miners Finally Won When the Legislature Passed Anti-Screen Coal Bill.

Administration's Principal Educational Measure Passes the Senate—Gov. Urges Transfer of County Fund For Mothers—Flood Bill Passed With Emergency Clause. Doings of the General Assembly.

Columbus, O., Feb. 5.—The Ohio house of representatives, on the statement of Assemblyman Boggs of Belmont that it might avert a strike, took out of the Green anti-screen coal bill its provision that the new run-of-mine system of measuring the product and paying wages to the miners should not take effect until Oct. 1, 1914, and by 103 to 8 passed the bill, for which the miners have struggled for 30 years. It was sent to the senate for concurrence in the amendment by which the law will take effect in 90 days.

Operators and miners alike accepted the amendment. The operators desire to bring in court at the earliest date possible a test of the validity of this law.

**School Bill Passed.**

When the house concurs in a few minor amendments which the senate placed in the Lowry school bill the biggest of the administration school program measures, providing for both county and district supervision for rural and village schools, will be ready for Governor Cox to attach his signature. Relying on the disorder into which their ranks had fallen Tuesday, administration supporters came up strong and put the school supervision bill across by a vote of 23 to 8. They voted down two amendments proposed by Senator Moore of Jefferson which would have given the rural folk an opportunity to exercise home rule in matters of supervision. They were also able to secure reconsideration and the defeat of the Hudson amendment, which provided uniform textbooks with the county as a unit.

Reconsideration and defeat of the Hudson amendment was obtained only after Governor Cox had promised to throw his support back of Mr. Hudson's bill which seeks to make the textbooks in the grades uniform throughout the state. This pact was fulfilled later when the Hudson bill was reported favorably for passage.

**Three Made Laws.**

The house made laws of three senate school bills, those of Senator Hudson standardizing rural schools; of Senator Hopple for issuance of age and schooling certificates, permitting employment to girls over 16 years old who have passed a seventh grade test, and of Senator Weygant, increasing the fire hazard of school buildings by modifying the fireproof construction law and permitting the erection of a two-story addition of the same material as the main building, even if it be frame.

The house passed the Hoaglin bill abolishing school treasurers in village and rural schools, at an aggregate yearly saving of \$297,000. The county treasurer is to act as treasurer of the school funds.

The Smith 1 per cent tax law was given a swing when the house followed the example of the senate and passed the Friebohn social center bill. The bill, which lacks only the signature of the governor to make it a law, empowers any school board to levy two-tenths mill tax for a social center fund, and provides that this tax shall be "in addition to all other taxes allowed by law."

Going the house one better, the senate not only passed the Miami valley flood protection bill, but also put over the emergency clause by a two-thirds vote, which would make the measure effective as soon as it is signed by the governor. The house refused to pass the emergency clause.

**Mills Bill Amended and Passed.**

Amended almost beyond recognition, the Mills municipal ownership bond bill was passed by the house and sent to the senate, where the Cleveland delegation will attempt to restore it and then try to put the bill through by resort to a conference committee.

A. the bill goes to the senate, bonds to acquire a utility must be redeemed by the earnings of the utility, a condition rendering their sale to bond buyers practically prohibitive. It was said the only way to float a utility issue would be to sell the bonds in small denominations to citizens, who might buy them out of civic pride. The bill was passed, 83 to 26.

### NOTICE OF SALE OF DITCH WORK

The Trustees of North Grove Cemetery will receive sealed bids at Dr. Richardson's office, Celina, Ohio, up to 12 o'clock noon on the 10th day of February, 1914, for the construction of about 3800 lineal feet of the ditches and fourteen catch basins and inlets. Profiles are on file at the office of Dr. Richardson. The privilege of rejecting any or all bids reserved.

Benjamin Young, a young man who formerly lived in the Lake View addition, was arrested at Lima last Friday by Officer Hight, and brought back to this city to answer to a charge of non-support, filed by his wife. They were married two years ago.

### WANT JOHN D. TO PAY \$12,000,000 IN TAXES.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 4.—The local tax commission demanded of John D. Rockefeller that the oil king pay \$12,690,000 taxes on his estimated \$900,000,000 of personal property. Commissioners claim Rockefeller has just established his legal residence in East Cleveland under the new state tax law. The rate of taxation to which he is subject is \$14.10 on each \$1,000 of property. The demands made upon Mr. Rockefeller will be fought to a finish in the courts, according to Rockefeller's attorneys.

## WOMEN WILL PUT THEIR FEET 'NEATH THE MAHOGANY

When the Bull Moose Clans Gather at Lima for Lincoln Day Banquet.

The Progressive Lincoln Day Banquet at Lima to be held on February 12 was originally intended to be a gathering of Bull Moosers from eighteen counties only. It has, however, been taken over by the state executive committee of the party, which has announced that it will be the occasion of the Progressive State and Congressional Campaign opening for 1914.

In addition to the speakers originally secured, Arthur L. Garfield, candidate for governor in 1912, and James R. Garfield, member of Roosevelt's cabinet, will be present and deliver addresses.

Great interest has been manifested by members of all parties in what Garfield and Garfield will say. It is anticipated that each of them will have something definite to announce upon the question of their respective candidacies for United States Senator and Governor.

Prominent Progressives from all parts of the state will be present and every county in the state is expected to send a delegation of some size.

The local committee has decided that women should be admitted to the banquet table as freely as men. The declaration of the Progressives in the Columbus conference was that they would actively work for woman suffrage. The committee state that the active stand taken by Progressives in national and state platforms entitled women to participate in the campaign opening on an equality with men.

## CUPID'S VICTIMS

Arden C. Page and Miss Theresa Fritz, prominent young people of Rockford, were quietly married by Rev. Mytton of the Presbyterian church, at the manse, last Monday afternoon. The young couple left for Cincinnati immediately after the ceremony, where they will make their future home, the groom being employed in that city.

**Marriage Licenses Issued.**

Charles Silver, aged 22, laborer, St. Marys, son of Oliver and Mary Silver, and Miss Bessie Black, 17, housekeeper, Coldwater, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Black.

Gustave Werner, aged 23, farmer, Van Wert, son of John and Catherine Werner, and Miss Dulcie Harden, 19, housekeeper, Ft. Recovery, daughter of Willis and Louise Harden.

Arden C. Page, 23, drug clerk, Rockford, son of John and Mary Page, and Miss Theresa Fritz, 19, housekeeper, daughter of Jacob and Catherine Fritz.

Gailard E. Protsman, 25, farmer, Mendon, son of Robert and Mallie Protsman, and Evelyn Lampy, 18, housekeeper, Mendon, daughter of Christ and Elizabeth Lampy.

## TOMPKINS' HIRED MAN AT MONTEZUMA

Coming, coming! Where? To Montezuma, Ohio. When? To-morrow night, February 7, 1914. What for? To play "Tompkins Hired Man." A drama in three acts; time three hours; eight characters. To be given at the Klosterman hall, at 7:30 standard. Admission—Under 12 years, 15c; adults, 25c; reserved seats, 10c extra.

### MERCERINAS CAPTURE AN EASY ONE

The Findlay Mercos came out at the little end of the horn in a contest with the Mercerinas last night which ended 49 to 18. The Findlay boys had a different lineup than the team which defeated the Mercerinas in the hotly contested game a few weeks ago, which accounted for their poor showing. The first half ended 24 to 8. Some fine field baskets were made by the locals. A good crowd attended the game.

The Buffalo Germans defeated the Wapakoneta team at Wapak Wednesday night by a score of 50 to 23. Of these 23 points, Betzel secured 12 and Hoyng 4.

## GOOD BUNCH GET THE JOBS

And May Be Expected to Give a Good Account of Their Stewardships.

The following gentlemen have been selected from the list of illegibles for the important work of listing personal property and appraising real estate by Tax Commissioner Morrow under the new arrangement. That the list as a whole is the best qualified that has ever undertaken the work we believe will be conceded. There were other well qualified men on the lists from several townships, but there were not enough jobs to go round. The appointments were as follows:

Blackcreek—Howard O. Purdy, Butler—Herman Venning, Center—Harry S. Lewis, Dublin—Edward Voke, Franklin—George Preston, Granville—J. T. Wildenhaus, Gibson—Henry A. Danzeisen, Hopewell—Simon N. Slabaugh, Jefferson—Warren L. Tenary, Celina—A. W. Fishbaugh, Liberty—George F. Stoner, Marion—Vincent Lochtefeld, Recovery—Emil Wagner, Union—Wm. A. Bedell, Washington—Wm. Wiley.

They have been notified to meet at the office of Tax Commissioner Morrow next Monday morning at 9 o'clock, when they will receive instructions and get their supplies and get busy.

## VISIT EXPECTED TO BRING RESULTS

As a result of the meeting held in this city last Friday afternoon with Supt. of Public Works John L. Miller, a committee composed of Mayor C. D. Rice, S. J. Vining, John G. Romer, J. W. Loe, and Dr. D. H. Richardson, went to Columbus last Tuesday and presented to the joint finance committees of both the House and Senate, the need of an appropriation of \$25,000 to fill up the hole between the high ground and the new reversion wall just completed by the State along the north shore of the reservoir to the east side of Mercelina Park. Supt. Miller favored the move to place a dredge in the lake and clean out the reservoir to the east side of Mercelina Park. Supt. Miller favored the move to place a dredge in the lake and clean out the reservoir to the east side of Mercelina Park. The committee were very hopeful of results after the conference and in all probability there will be something doing on the big pond this spring.

## COURT MATTERS

The Common Pleas Grand Jury of the February term will convene at 9:30 next Monday morning when they are summoned to appear for their usual grind.

The petit jury will convene a week later, on the 16th, unless the work of Judges Layton and Mathers is such they cannot be here. There are ninety-nine cases on the printed docket. Seven of these are divorce cases, while the others are mostly small damage cases. There are several suits against the commissioners and several against the treasurer on ditch matters and collection of assessments.

Philip H. Schmitt vs. Frank H. Schmitt et al. is a suit in partition filed Tuesday by Attorney Short, in which plaintiffs claim title in the following premises: The undivided one-sixth part of a quarter of an acre in Section 36, Granville township.

**Official Killed by Train.**

Tarrytown, N. Y., Feb. 5.—Frank Vincent Millard, for six years surrogate of Westchester county, was struck and instantly killed here by a passenger train. The gates were down, but Mr. Millard pushed them up and slid under. He was so intent on watching his train coming south that he did not see the other approaching. Judge Millard was the son of James S. Millard. He graduated from Yale from the class of 1888.

## COMMISSIONERS

The Board transferred \$12,000 from the bridge fund to the pike repair fund, which was recently temporarily transferred from the pike repair fund.

The board ordered the Little Blackcreek ditch sold at public outcry at 1 o'clock on February 20, the sale to be held by Surveyor Smalley at the commissioners' office.

The Board found in favor of the report of the engineer on the Dierkers ditch, and after a few changes in the assessments confirmed same.

A petition, signed by J. J. Dietrich et al., was presented to the Board last Friday praying for the improvement, under the two-mile assessment law, of a road in Liberty township. Chas. Stuckenborg, Wm. Tingley and Peter Fecher were appointed as viewers. A further notice of the improvement will be found on 5th page.

### GOVERNOR TOU VELLE WOULD SOUND GOOD

The Mail Tribune, published at Medford, Oregon, is using the name of Judge Frank L. Tou Velle as a possible candidate on the Democratic ticket for Governor of the State. The Tribune says, "Judge Tou Velle could be nominated and elected Governor like a flash." The Democrat and Frank's many friends in this city are glad to hear of such mention and will vouch for his capability to conscientiously fill the gubernatorial chair in a fitting Democratic way.

## SLEET STORM PLAYS HAVOC

One of the most disastrous sleet storms that has visited Celina and Mercer county in years occurred last Friday night and Saturday morning. Telegraph and telephone connections were severed and many large limbs of trees were broken off beneath the weight of ice and snow. The worst damage in any one place in this city, was caused by a large limb from one of the noble maples in front of the Crampton home, East Market street. The limb, with its icy weight fell across the street, bringing down with it electric and telephone wires and the Western Ohio's trolley wires. The trees in the court house park were denuded of branches and the ground is strewn with the debris.

Telephone poles and wires were down all over the county, the Celina and Mercer County Telephone company's damage running into the thousands. They had over three hundred phones out of commission.

## THE GRIM REAPER

Mrs. Adam Schunck, aged 77 years, the venerable mother of the Schunck brothers, Pete, Chris and Will, died at her home on West Fayette street last Sunday morning, following an illness which dated from the first of last month, when she slipped and fell.

Mrs. Schunck (nee Fleck) was born in Germany, May 12, 1837. She came to this country with a brother, John, when but thirteen years of age, settling at Cincinnati. In 1857 she was united in marriage to Adam Schunck, and with him moved to Cranberry, Pa. They moved to this city in July, 1864, where Mr. Schunck died about eight years ago.

Deceased is survived by four sons and one daughter—P. H., W. F., C. P. and Miss Anna Schunck, of this city; and Charles, of New York City. One brother, Fred Fleck, living just north west of town, also survives. Funeral services were held at the Catholic church Tuesday morning.

Thomas Rockwell, aged 97 years, perhaps the oldest and best known resident of Ft. Recovery, died last Saturday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Wagner, in that village.

Deceased was born in Franklin County, Pa., January 17, 1817. He moved to Medina County, this state, with his parents in 1827. When sixteen years of age he carried mail on horseback from Medina to the city of Toledo, Ohio. He moved to Ft. Recovery in 1837, and two years later married Miss Dinama Arrilla Scranton at Greenville.

He is survived by five children—the daughter above mentioned; another daughter, Mrs. Louise Shelton, of Well-spring; and three sons, Joshua, of Fort Wayne, Ind., and William and Richard, both of Ft. Recovery. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Catherine Hainburg, aged 87 years, one of Coldwater's most venerable residents, died at her home in that village last Tuesday afternoon, following a two weeks illness. Funeral services will be held from the Coldwater Catholic church this morning with burial at the Philothea cemetery.

Adam Hines, aged 71 years, a well known and aged resident of Washington township, was found dead in bed at his home, south west of Wapak, last Sunday morning. About a year ago the aged man underwent an operation for the removal of one of his legs with the hopes of staying the ravages of a decaying bone, and although he has been in seemingly good health since it is possible his death was attributable to the operation. Deceased was a native of Pennsylvania, but has lived in this county for more than fifty years. He is survived by his aged wife, who is very feeble, and three children.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at the Liberty church, under direction of Undertaker Meister of this city. Interment in the Liberty cemetery.

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## HUERTA OPENS HIS CAMPAIGN

In North With His Mouth—Says He Has Force of 200,000 for Pacification.

Provisional President and His Advisers Decline to Comment On the Latest Pronouncement of President Wilson—General Villa's Agents Purchasing Arms and Ammunition Across the Border.

New York, Feb. 5.—The Sun received from Victoriano Huerta, provisional president of Mexico, the following cable dispatch:

"Replying to your kind message relative to what opinion is held by the government of this republic regarding the latest pronouncement of his excellency, the president of the United States, relative to the Mexican situation, the Mexican government and I personally have decided that no comment whatsoever shall be made by us regarding the proclamation.

"Desiring, however, to give you a complete idea of the situation in the republic, I may inform you that the government has at present 150,000 in the federal army and 39,000 irregular troops, making a total of 189,000 men, with which force I have begun to open a campaign in the north. Owing to the exigencies of the situation, I shall issue at once a decree increasing the armed forces of the republic by 50,000 men. This decree has as its sole object to increase the military forces at the disposition of the government so that its purpose, which is that of re-establishing peace, may be realized in as short a time as possible."

### BUYING AMMUNITION

City of El Paso, Texas, the Mecca of Villa's Agents.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 5.—General Villa's agents are making the rounds of the large and small ammunition stores in El Paso for the purpose of buying all the ammunition and as many of the arms as possible for the Torreon campaign.

The seven-millimeter Mauser cartridges are in great demand and one ammunition house is said to have disposed of its entire stock of 40,000 rounds to agents of the Constitution-alists.

El Paso is to be made the port of supply for the entire rebel army under Villa. As soon as the rebel leader satisfied himself that the presidential proclamation had been issued, Villa declared that all obstacles to the taking of Torreon had been removed, and he hastened away from Juarez to Chihuahua to plan for the battle. Raoul Madero, brother of the late president of Mexico, was left in Juarez to look after the purchase of ammunition and its forwarding to his army.

### NICKEL SOCIAL AT NEPTUNE

The primary department of the Church of God Sunday-school at Neptune will hold a nickel social at the township hall in Neptune this (Friday) evening. A free entertainment will be given, after which a nickel lunch will be served. Everybody cordially invited.

### ROCKFORD BANKRUPTS HAVE HEARINGS

At bankruptcy hearings before Referee E. J. Brookhart last Monday Carl Smith was elected trustee of bankrupt Carl Smith, Ann P. Mills, and Wm. Kimmel was elected trustee of bankrupt J. O. Felver. All the parties are from Rockford.

## BRIEF NEWS NOTES FOR BUSY PEOPLE

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Seven languages will be used in writing "safely first" pamphlets for miners, according to John M. Roan, mine safety commissioner of Ohio.

Federal Class company filed suit for an injunction against the American Flint Glass Workers' union to restrain members from interfering with the operation of the Columbus (O.) plant by nonunion men.

Albert Stubbs, ex-sheriff of Warren county, O., and former mayor of Lebanon, dropped dead in a hotel at Lebanon. Death was due to apoplexy.

After an illness of three weeks A. S. P. Blakeney, president of the Switchback Railroad company, died at his home in Mauch Chunk, Pa. He was born in 1854.

A detailed appraisal of the estate of the late Henry H. Rogers, Standard Oil magnate, who died four years ago, shows that the estate is worth about \$40,000,000 net.

Joseph May, 25, of Youngstown, O., was arrested at Lima, O., by Patrolman Blair on charges of having slashed the throat of Hazel McConnell of Bellefontaine, at her home in that city.

Japanese ministry of commerce made the official announcement that Japan will participate in the Panama Pacific exposition at San Francisco.

Daniel F. Mooney, state senator from St. Marys, O., was confirmed as minister to Paraguay.

O. P. Gothlin resigned as superintendent of the bureau of rates and service of the public utilities commission of Ohio.

Sixty miners are believed dead as the result of an explosion of firelamp in the Achenbach mine, near Dortmund, Germany.

Chinese bandits in the province of Anhwei, China, are holding two French missionaries, Fathers Allaine and De La Tuille, for ransom.

Instead of dying a poor man, as his friends believed, the late Senator Shelby M. Cullom of Illinois left an estate valued at more than \$100,000. Fifty thousand dollars in cash was stolen at Rostov-on-Don, Russia, while the mails were being transferred from a railroad train to the postoffice.

Postal money orders will be payable at any postoffice, instead of only at the postoffice on which they are drawn, under a bill which has passed both branches of congress.

Paul Iwens, 68, the French patriotic writer and politician, died in Paris after a short illness.

By a majority of 45 the Canadian government defeated in the house of commons the free wheat amendment.

Two men and a child are missing and a loss of \$300,000 was caused by a fire that attacked "Baby's Row" apartment in Chicago.

New Prussian loan of \$87,500,000 has been subscribed from 10 to 20 times over. It is understood there have been big foreign subscriptions.

William Taylor, an employee at the United States mint in Philadelphia, was accidentally locked inside one of the airtight steel money vaults. He was on the verge of collapse when rescued an hour later.

Virginia house of deputies passed the bill authorizing legal action to enforce the return of the stolen will of Martha Washington, now a part of the historic collection owned by J. P. Morgan of New York.

Snakes were killed in large numbers in and about Postoria, O., during the recent mild weather.

Colonel George W. Goethals wired President Wilson his acceptance of the governorship of the canal zone.

Two well-dressed robbers held up the clerk of the Shirley hotel at Denver, Colo., and escaped with several hundred dollars.

Nineteen horses were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the large barn on the stock farm of Newton Graham, near Marysville, O.

At Hammond, Ind., sixteen persons were hurt at a wedding when Walter Voch tried to kiss Mrs. John Lofesky, the bride. The bridegroom's skull was fractured.

## DATE OF NEPTUNE MEETING CHANGED

The temperance sermon that was announced for Saturday evening, the 7th, at Neptune Church of God, has been recalled and will be delivered on Sunday morning, the 8th. All W. C. T. U. and Y. P. B. members are expected to be present. Everybody invited.

The Y. P. B.'s will meet at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon, the 8th, at 2:30 p. m. The purpose of this meeting will be a reorganization. All Y. P. B. members are urged to be present, and all others desiring to become members of the organization.

### SHARP WOULD ACCEPT

Name Mentioned in Connection With the Russian Post.

Washington, Feb. 4.—A movement to procure the appointment as ambassador to Russia for Congressman William G. Sharp of the Fourteenth Ohio district is under way. Mr. Sharp's friends in the Ohio congressional delegation made some inquiries that convinced them that there is a fair chance of getting the preference for the Elyria man. They then communicated with Mr. Sharp, who is at his home in Ohio, and ascertained that while he is not and would not become a candidate for the place, he would gladly accept it if it were tendered him. Senator Pomerene then made an endorsement to see President Wilson tomorrow.

### LAUDAHN PUBLIC SALE RECALLED

The public sale of Frank J. Landahn, of Liberty township, notice of which appeared in The Democrat of last week, has been recalled. He has rented the Eichler farm northeast of this city and will continue farming.

## WAIL OF DESPAIR

Goes Up from Haunts of Poor and Decrepit Racial Monumental Association.

Misrepresentation and Falsification Added to Their Perverted Statements.

It is to be regretted that on account of progress it necessarily follows that those who continue to follow the antiquated paths must fall by the wayside.

The cry of the National Retail Monument Dealers' Association reminds one of the cries of a drowning man who grasps at a straw to save himself. These poor benighted creatures, the members of this association, particularly those of the smaller communities who have for a lifetime ground out a precarious existence, see in the Community Mausoleum their final downfall. In their desperation they blindly attack the proposition, making statements that are malicious falsehoods, or which are so evasive that it would be impossible to pin them down.

The articles are written and paid for by the association but published over the names of local dealers, who, in most cases, haven't enough intelligence to write and are irresponsible, thus judgment proof.